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FOR SECRETARY FROM KORN IN DAMASCUS

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS

1. FOL IS REVISED SCHEDULE:

1340 ARRIVAL OF PLANE

1415 OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES AT SYRIAN GOVT GUEST HOUSE.

1420 LUNCHEON FOR OFFICIAL PARTY HOSTED BY DEP PRIME MINISTER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.

1530 MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM.

1600 MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND PRES ASSAD.

ABOUT 1830 LEAVE DAMASCUS FOR AIRPORT.

2. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS PLANNING MEETING FOR ASST
SECRETARY SISCO AND REST OF OFFICIAL PARTY WITH SENIOR FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHILE SECRETARY IS WITH PRES ASSAD, AND
TOUR OF DAMASCUS. SINCE DAMASCUS IS DARK BY 1700 AND THERE
IS NOW NO PUBLIC LIGHTING, SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SUGGESTS MR.
SISCO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY MIGHT PREFER MAKE TOUR OF
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DAMASCUS BETWEEN 1600 AND 1700 HOURS AND MEET WITH SENIOR
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS FROM 1700 ON; HOWEVER, THEY WILL
ARRANGE MEETING ACCORDING TO OUR PREFERENCE, I.E., EITHER AT

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1600 OR 1700. THEY WOULD LIKE AN ANSWER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

3. AS SOON AS SECRETARY'S PLANE IS PARKED, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BUCCI AND US INTERESTS CHIEF CARDILLI AND KORN WILL MOUNT RAMP TO GREET SECRETARY INSIDE PLANE. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL CHIEF NAHLOUI WILL GREET SECRETARY AT FOOT OF RAMP AND WILL INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PARTY WHICH IS NOW AS FOLU: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM; VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZAKARIYA ISMAIL; DR. KABBANI, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT; MR. FATTAL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT; MR. OMRAN, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET; MR. HAMOUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, WHO WILL BE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL ESCORT OFFICER THROUGHOUT VISIT.

4. FOL ARE CAR ASSIGNMENTS:

CAR NO. 1 SECRETARY, FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM AND INTERPRETER.

CAR NO. 2 MR. SISCO AND DR. ISMAIL.

CAR NO. 3 MR. ATHERTON AND MR. SATTAL

CAR NO. 4 MR. EAGLEBURGER AND MR. OMRAN

CAR NO. 5 MR. VEST AND DR. KABBANI.

CAR NO. 6 MESSRS. SAUNDERS, HAMOUI AND KORN

CARS 7-13 WILL TAKE PRESS

CARS 14-19 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARIAT STAFF.

5. PRESS, SECRETARIAT STAFF AND CREW MEMBERS SHOULD DEBARK AT REAR OF PLANE WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL DALATI. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS PREPARING IDENTIFICATION BADGES AND CAR ASSIGNMENT CARDS FOR PRESS AND SECRETARIAT STAFF. DALATI WILL GIVE THESE TO MILLER ON ARRIVAL AND REQUEST MILLER
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BE FIRST TO EXIT FROM REAR OF PLANE.

6. FOL SYRIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE AT FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM'S LUNCHEON AT 14:20: MINISTER OF ECONOMY MOHAMED IMADI; MINISTER OF HEALTH MADANI KHIAMI; MINISTER OF TOURISM ABDULLAH KHANI; VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL; VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL GHANI RAFFI; AMBASSADOR SALAH TARAZI; MR. WAHLOUI, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL; MR. KABBANI, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION; MR. RAFIC JOUEJATI, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH; MR. FATTAL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT; MR. OMRAN, FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHIEF OF CABINET; MR. HAMOUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF

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PROTOCOL. ON US SIDE THOSE INVITED, IN ADDITION TO SECRETACY AND ARE ALL MEMBERS OF US OFFICIAL PARTY, PRESS, INTERPRETER CAMILLE NOWFAL. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BUCCI ALSO INVITED.

7. PRESS AND THOSE MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT STAFF WHO WISH TO DO SO, WILL FOLLOW OFFICIAL CORTEGE FROM AIRPORT TO DAMASCUS AND THEN BREAK OFF TO GO TO ORIENTAL CLUB WHERE THEY WILL HAVE LUNCH. CREW WILL BE GIVEN LUNCH AT AIRPORT. PRESS WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY TO BE PRESENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM GREETS SECRETARY AT 1530. PRESS WILL GO TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE TO BE PRESENT FORE PRESIDENT ASSAD'S WELCOMING OF SECRETARY AT 1600. PRESS WILL THEN BE GIVEN TOUR OF DAMASCUS. PRESS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT VISIT BY MR. ZOHIR JANNAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, AND MARWAN HAMOUI, DIRECTOR OKHVYRIAN NEWS AGENCY. JANNAN WILL ACCEPT STORIES REPORTERS WANT TO FILE.

8. FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER AT ANY POINT DURING VISIT SECRETARY WILL MAKE STATEMENT TO PRESS, AND IF SO WHEN? WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWER TO THIS AND TO QUESTION PARA 2 ABOVE RE TIME MR. SISCO'S MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTRQ, VIA EMBASSY BEIRUT XEOFORE PLANES'S ARRIVAL DAMASCUS IF POSSIBLE.

9. EXCHANGE OF GIFTS BETWEEN SECRETARY, PRESIDENT ASSAD AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN HAMOUI AND MILLER.
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